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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 10 May 2006, time for response to which was set to expire 10 August 2006. A petition for an extension of time of three (3) months until 10 November 2006 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. The examined claims, claims 1-14, were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.